State-wise sanction of power projects

2126. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power projects sanctioned to boost the power sector during the preceeding three years, State-wise;

(b) the funds set apart for this purpose;

(c) whether Government propose to evolve a fresh power policy to cover the entire gamut of power sector including generation, transmission and distribution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government also propose to involve representatives of various sectors of economy to framing this policy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH: (a) and (b) Power projects which were accorded investment clearance by the Planning Commission during the last three financial years are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Project (Capacity in MW)	State	Est. Cost (Rs. Crore)
1.	Ravalseema TPS St-II (2×210)	A.P.	1273.00
2.	Purulia PSS (900)	W.B.	1456.56
3.	Kothagudam TPS St-V (2×250)	A.P.	1890.00
4.	Diesel Generating Power Station at Kozhikode (6×20)	Kerala	355.00
5.	Muzaffarpur TPS Extn. (2×250)	Bihar	1452.13

In so far as State projects are concerned, the Central Government has been providing Block Plan assistance to the States for their plans according to the formula approved by National Development Council.

(c) and (d) In accordance with the Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power adopted by the Government after extensive consultation with the State Governments, fresh initiatives have been taken to improve the performance of power sector and to make it viable. The broad features of the programme *inter-alia* are as follows:

— Finalising the National Energy Policy.

— Creation of Regulatory Commissions at the Centre and in the States to ensure rationalisation of tariffs etc.

— Review of the Role of Central Agencies to facilitate speedy approval of projects.

— Encouragement of private sector participation.

— Providing autonomy to the State Electricity Boards, their professionalisation and improvement in physical parameters.

— Encouragement to co-generation/ captive and mega power projects.

— Developing a National Policy on Hydro power.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. National Energy Policy is being formulated by the Committee set up in Planning Commission. The Committee has representatives from various energy related institutions and experts in the power sector. The details of the policy on power are also scheduled to be discussed, in the Consultative Committee of Parliament of the Ministry of Power.

ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम को देनदारियों का भुगतान न किया जाना

2127. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विद्युत बोर्ड ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम को देय देनदारियों का भुगतान करने में असमर्थ है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?